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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENGR, UK

SUBJECT: SCOTTISH OFFICE COMMENT ON OIL DEVELOPMENTS

1. AT THE REQUEST OF CHEVRON EXECUTIVES, WHO AS OF MARCH 1 WILL TAKE OVER OPERATING RESPONSIBILITY OF BURMAH-BP GROUP IN DEVELOPING THE GIANT NINIAN FIELD, I ASKED BRUCE MILLAN MINISTER OF STATE, SCOTTISH OFFICE, HIS VIEWS ON LOCATION OF CHEVRON OFFICES HERE. DISCUSSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE WITH ABERDEEN OVERCROWDED, INVERNESS NEAREST TO NINIAN OPERATIONS AND COMPANY PLATFORM SITES AT NIGG AND LOCH KISHORN BUT LESS ACCESSIBLE, EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW DISTANT BUT CENTERS OF SIGNIFICANT OIL RELATED ACTIVITY, AND DUNDEE A COMPROMISE OF MOST FACTORS.

2. ON SUBJECT OF LONG OUTSTANDING CHEVRON APPLICATION FOR HUNTERSTON REFINERY SITE, MINISTER INDICATED THAT THE APPLICATION WAS IN EFFECT DEAD FOR DIFFERENT REASONS, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO HUNTERSTON NUCLEAR SITE. GOVERNMENT REFINERY POLICY WAS AS CONTAINED IN POLICY STATEMENT 6 DECEMBER 74, E.G. REFINERY UNCLASSIFIED

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CAPACITIES AS ALREADY EXISTING OR PLANNED WERE ADEQUATE,

UNLESS COMPANIES WERE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE SPECIAL NEED.

3. ASKED IF US COMPANIES WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY WITH DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND NOT PRESS GOVERNMENT, SUPPLIERS, LABOR, ETC. UNREALISTICALLY (FOR BRITAIN), MINISTER REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY (COMMENT: UNFORTUNATELY).  
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